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District 21 (Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes new limits for campaign contributions by individuals, certain groups and campaign committees.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning campaign contribution limits for individuals,
2 certain groups and campaign committees, and amending and
3 supplementing various parts of the statutory law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 2 of P.L.2004, c.174 (C.19:44A-7.3) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 2. a. No later than July 1 of each year preceding any year in
11 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor
12 for a four-year term, the commission shall issue a report setting
13 forth its recommendations for the adjustment of the amounts, set
14 forth in subsection b. of this section and applicable to P.L.1973,
15 c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.), to primary and general elections for any
16 public office other than the office of Governor, to limitations on
17 contributions **【to and from political committees, continuing**
18 **political committees,】** between candidate committees, joint
19 candidates committees, political party committees and legislative
20 leadership committees and to other amounts, at a percentage which
21 shall be the same as the percentage of change that the commission
22 applies to the amounts used for the primary and general elections
23 for the office of Governor held in the third year preceding the year
24 in which that December 1 occurs, pursuant to section 19 of
25 P.L.1980, c.74 (C.19:44A-7.1). Any amount so recommended for
26 adjustment shall be rounded in the same manner as provided in that
27 section.

28 b. The amounts to be recommended for adjustment as provided
29 under this section shall be:

30 (1) **【the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made**
31 **by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a candidate,**
32 **candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the maximum**
33 **amount of contributions permitted to be made by a political**
34 **committee or a continuing political committee to a candidate,**
35 **candidate committee or joint candidates committee other than the**
36 **committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of**
37 **Governor and】** the maximum amount of contributions permitted to
38 be made by one candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates
39 committee, other than the committee of a candidate for nomination
40 or election to the office of Governor, to another candidate,
41 candidate committee or joint candidates committee other than the
42 committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of
43 Governor pursuant to section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3);

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (2) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
2 by [an individual, corporation, labor organization, political
3 committee, continuing political committee,] a candidate committee
4 or joint candidates committee [or any other group] to any political
5 party committee or any legislative leadership committee pursuant to
6 section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4); and

7 (3) the maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made
8 by a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee
9 to a political committee or a continuing political committee and the
10 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by one
11 political committee or continuing political committee to another
12 political committee or continuing political committee pursuant to
13 section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5).

14 c. No later than July 15 of each year preceding any year in
15 which a general election is to be held to fill the office of Governor
16 for a four-year term, the commission shall transmit a copy of its
17 report to each member of the Legislature and make public its
18 recommended adjustment of limits pursuant to this section. The
19 Legislature shall have the option of adopting all or part of the
20 recommended adjustments by the passage of appropriate legislation.
21 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.2)

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23 2. (New section) a. Not later than December 1 of each year
24 preceding any year in which a general election is to be held to fill
25 the office of Governor for a four-year term, the Election Law
26 Enforcement Commission shall adjust the amounts, set forth in
27 subsection b. of this section, which shall be applicable under
28 P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et seq.) to primary and general
29 elections for any public office other than the office of Governor at a
30 percentage which shall be the same as the rate of annual percentage
31 increase over four years, rounded to the nearest half-percent, in the
32 Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases
33 of Goods and Services, computed and published quarterly by the
34 United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic
35 Analysis, based upon the average of the annual increase therein at
36 the fourth quarter which occurred in the next preceding local fiscal
37 year for the preceding four years.

38 b. The amounts subject to adjustment as provided under this
39 section shall be:

40 (1) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be
41 made by an individual, a corporation or labor organization to a
42 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee, the
43 maximum amount of contributions permitted to be made by a
44 political committee or a continuing political committee to a
45 candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee other
46 than the committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the
47 office of Governor;

1 (2) the maximum total amount of contributions permitted to be
2 made by an individual, corporation, labor organization, political
3 committee, continuing political committee, or any other group to
4 any other political committee or continuing political committee, or
5 any political party committee or legislative leadership committee
6 pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4).

7 c. Not later than December 15 of each year preceding any year
8 in which a general election is to be held to fill the office of
9 Governor for a four-year term, the commission shall report to the
10 Legislature and make public its adjustment of limits in accordance
11 with the provisions of this section. Whenever, following the
12 transmittal of that report, the commission shall have notice that a
13 person has declared as a candidate for nomination for election or for
14 election to any public office in a forthcoming primary or general
15 election, it shall promptly notify that candidate of the amounts of
16 those adjusted limits.

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18 3. Section 18 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.3) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 18. a. No individual, other than an individual who is a candidate,
21 no corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the
22 laws of this State or any other state or any country other than the
23 United States, no labor organization of any kind which exists or is
24 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
25 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
26 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
27 protection in connection with employment, no political committee,
28 no continuing political committee, or any group shall: (1) pay or
29 make any **[contribution]** contributions of money or other thing of
30 value to **[a candidate]** candidates who **[has]** have established only
31 a candidate committee, **[his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign**
32 **treasurer or candidate committee]** which in the aggregate **[exceeds**
33 **\$2,600 per election]** exceed \$15,000 per year for all candidates, or
34 (2) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
35 to candidates who have established only **[a]** joint candidates
36 **[committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or**
37 **joint candidates committee]** committees, which in the aggregate
38 **[exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate]** exceed \$15,000 per
39 year for all candidates, or (3) pay or make any contribution of
40 money or other thing of value to **[a candidate]** candidates who
41 **[has]** have established both a candidate committee and a joint
42 candidates committee, **[the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign**
43 **treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]**
44 which in the aggregate **[exceeds \$2,600 per election]** exceed
45 \$15,000 per year for all candidates. No **[candidate]** candidates who
46 **[has]** have established only a candidate committee **[, his campaign**

1 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee] shall
2 knowingly accept from an individual, other than an individual who
3 is a candidate, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
4 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
5 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
6 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
7 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
8 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
9 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
10 continuing political committee or any group any [contribution]
11 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the
12 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per year
13 for all candidates, and no candidates who have established only [a]
14 joint candidates [committee, or their campaign treasurer, deputy
15 campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,] committees
16 shall knowingly accept from any such source any [contribution]
17 contributions of money or other thing of value which in the
18 aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election per candidate] exceed
19 \$15,000 per year for all candidates, and no [candidate] candidates
20 who [has] have established both a candidate committee and a joint
21 candidates [committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign
22 treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates committee]
23 committees, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
24 [contribution] contributions of money or other thing of value which
25 in the aggregate [exceeds \$2,600 per election] exceed \$15,000 per
26 year for all candidates.

27 b. [(1) No political committee or continuing political committee
28 shall: (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of
29 value to a candidate who has established only a candidate
30 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
31 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
32 election or for election for the office of Governor, which in the
33 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or make any
34 contribution of money or other thing of value to candidates who
35 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
36 treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer, or the joint candidates
37 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per
38 candidate, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other
39 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
40 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
41 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
42 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200
43 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
44 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
45 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for
46 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly

1 accept from any political committee or continuing political
2 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which
3 in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, and no candidates who
4 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
5 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
6 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
7 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
8 \$8,200 per election per candidate, and no candidate who has
9 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
10 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
11 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
12 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other
13 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

14 (2) The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
15 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate
16 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of
17 money or other thing of value from a political committee or
18 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph
19 (1) of this subsection shall also be applicable to the knowing
20 acceptance of any such contribution from] Notwithstanding the
21 provisions of subsection a. of this section, the county committee of
22 a political party [by] shall be permitted to make contributions of
23 \$8,200 per year in the aggregate to a candidate or the campaign
24 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate committee or joint
25 candidates committee of a candidate for any elective public office
26 in another county or, in the case of a candidate for nomination for
27 election or for election to the office of member of the Legislature,
28 in a legislative district in which, according to the federal decennial
29 census upon the basis of which legislative districts shall have been
30 established, less than 20% of the population resides within the
31 county of that county committee. In addition, all contributor
32 reporting requirements and other restrictions and regulations
33 applicable to a contribution of money or other thing of value by a
34 political committee or continuing political committee under the
35 provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et al.) shall likewise be
36 applicable to the making or payment of such a contribution by such
37 a county committee.

38 [The limitation upon the knowing acceptance by a candidate,
39 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, candidate
40 committee or joint candidates committee of any contribution of
41 money or other thing of value from a political committee or
42 continuing political committee under the provisions of paragraph
43 (1) of this subsection, except that the amount of any contribution of
44 money or other thing of value shall be in an amount which in the
45 aggregate does not exceed \$25,000, shall also be applicable to the
46 knowing acceptance of any such contribution from]
47 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a. of this section, the

1 county committee of a political party **【by】** shall be permitted to
2 make contributions of \$25,000 per year in the aggregate to a
3 candidate, or the campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer,
4 candidate committee or joint candidates committee of a candidate,
5 for nomination for election or for election to the office of member
6 of the Legislature in a legislative district in which, according to the
7 federal decennial census upon the basis of which legislative districts
8 shall have been established, at least 20% but less than 40% of the
9 population resides within the county of that county committee. In
10 addition, all contributor reporting requirements and other
11 restrictions and regulations applicable to a contribution of money or
12 other thing of value by a political committee or continuing political
13 committee under the provisions of P.L.1973, c.83 (C.19:44A-1 et
14 al.) shall likewise be applicable to the making or payment of such a
15 contribution by such a county committee.

16 With respect to the limitations in this paragraph, the Legislature
17 finds and declares that:

18 (a) Persons making contributions to the county committee of a
19 political party have a right to expect that their money will be used,
20 for the most part, to support candidates for elective office who will
21 most directly represent the interest of that county;

22 (b) The practice of allowing a county committee to use funds
23 raised with this expectation to make unlimited contributions to
24 candidates for the Legislature who may have a limited, or even
25 nonexistent, connection with that county serves to undermine public
26 confidence in the integrity of the electoral process;

27 (c) Furthermore, the risk of actual or perceived corruption is
28 raised by the potential for contributors to circumvent limits on
29 contributions to candidates by **【funnelling】** funneling money to
30 candidates through county committees;

31 (d) The State has a compelling interest in preventing the
32 actuality or appearance of corruption and in protecting public
33 confidence in democratic institutions by limiting amounts which a
34 county committee may contribute to legislative candidates whose
35 districts are not located in close proximity to that county; and

36 (e) It is, therefore, reasonable for the State to promote this
37 compelling interest by limiting the amount a county committee may
38 give to a legislative candidate based upon the degree to which the
39 population of the legislative district overlaps with the population of
40 that county.

41 c. (1) No candidate who has established only a candidate
42 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
43 committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution of money or other
44 thing of value to another candidate who has established only a
45 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
46 treasurer or candidate committee, other than a candidate for
47 nomination for election or for election for the office of Governor,
48 which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or (b) pay or

1 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
2 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
3 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
4 candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per
5 election per candidate in the recipient committee, or (c) pay or
6 make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
7 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
8 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
9 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
10 committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election. No
11 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
12 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
13 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
14 election to the office of the Governor, shall knowingly accept from
15 another candidate who has established only a candidate committee,
16 his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or candidate
17 committee, any contribution of money or other thing of value which
18 in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, and no candidates who
19 have established only a joint candidates committee, their campaign
20 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint candidates committee,
21 shall knowingly accept from any such source any contribution of
22 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
23 \$8,200 per election per candidate in the recipient committee, and no
24 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
25 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
26 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
27 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
28 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
29 aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

30 (2) No candidates who have established only a joint candidates
31 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
32 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution
33 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
34 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
35 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
36 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office
37 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
38 candidate in the contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per
39 election, or (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other
40 thing of value to candidates who have established only a joint
41 candidates committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
42 treasurer or joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate
43 exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the contributing joint
44 candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per candidate in the
45 recipient joint candidates committee, or (c) pay or make any
46 contribution of money or other thing of value to a candidate who
47 has established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
48 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers or

1 candidate committee or joint candidates committee, which in the
2 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
3 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election. No
4 candidate who has established only a candidate committee, his
5 campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or candidate
6 committee, other than a candidate for nomination for election or for
7 election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly accept from
8 other candidates who have established only a joint candidates
9 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
10 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
11 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each
12 candidate in the contributing committee, \$8,200 per election, and no
13 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
14 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or joint
15 candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source
16 any contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
17 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
18 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election per
19 candidate in the recipient joint candidates committee, and no
20 candidate who has established both a candidate committee and a
21 joint candidates committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy
22 campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or joint candidates
23 committee, shall knowingly accept from any such source any
24 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
25 aggregate exceeds, on the basis of each candidate in the
26 contributing joint candidates committee, \$8,200 per election.

27 (3) No candidate who has established both a candidate
28 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
29 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
30 joint candidates committee shall (a) pay or make any contribution
31 of money or other thing of value to another candidate who has
32 established only a candidate committee, his campaign treasurer,
33 deputy campaign treasurer or candidate committee, other than a
34 candidate for nomination for election or for election for the office
35 of Governor, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election, or
36 (b) pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value
37 to candidates who have established only a joint candidates
38 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or
39 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200
40 per election per candidate in the recipient joint candidates
41 committee, or (c) pay or make any contribution of money or other
42 thing of value to a candidate who has established both a candidate
43 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
44 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
45 joint candidates committee, which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200
46 per election. No candidate who has established only a candidate
47 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
48 candidate committee, other than a candidate for nomination for

1 election or for election for the office of Governor, shall knowingly
2 accept from a candidate who has established both a candidate
3 committee and a joint candidates committee, the campaign
4 treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or candidate committee or
5 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
6 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election,
7 and no candidates who have established only a joint candidates
8 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
9 joint candidates committee, shall knowingly accept from any such
10 source any contribution of money or other thing of value which in
11 the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election per candidate in the
12 recipient joint candidates committee, and no candidate who has
13 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
14 committee, the campaign treasurers, deputy campaign treasurers, or
15 candidate committee or joint candidates committee shall knowingly
16 accept from any such source any contribution of money or other
17 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds \$8,200 per election.

18 (4) Expenditures by a candidate for nomination for election or
19 for election to the office of member of the Legislature or to an
20 office of a political subdivision of the State, or by the campaign
21 treasurer, deputy treasurer, candidate committee or joint candidates
22 committee of such a candidate, which are made in furtherance of the
23 nomination or election, respectively, of another candidate for the
24 same office in the same legislative district or the same political
25 subdivision shall not be construed to be subject to any limitation
26 under this subsection; for the purposes of this sentence, the offices
27 of member of the State Senate and member of the General
28 Assembly shall be deemed to be the same office.

29 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to
30 impose any limitation on contributions by a candidate, or by a
31 corporation, 100% of the stock in which is owned by a candidate or
32 the candidate's spouse, child, parent or sibling residing in the same
33 household, to that candidate's campaign.

34 e. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution
35 to be attributed as given to or by each candidate in a joint
36 candidates committee, the amount of the contribution to or by such
37 a committee shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the
38 committee.

39 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.3)

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41 4. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.4) is amended to
42 read as follows:

43 19. a. (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this
44 subsection, no individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
45 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
46 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
47 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
48 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers

1 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
2 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
3 no political committee, continuing political committee, [candidate
4 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group,] shall
5 pay or make any [contribution] contributions of money or other
6 thing of value to [the campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or other
7 representative of] the State [committee] committees of [a]
8 political [party] parties, the county committees of political parties,
9 the municipal committee of political parties or [the campaign
10 treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of] any
11 legislative leadership [committee] committees, political
12 committees or continuing political committees, which in the
13 aggregate [exceeds \$25,000] exceed \$50,000 per year[, or in the
14 case of a joint candidates committee when that is the only
15 committee established by the candidates, \$25,000 per year per
16 candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case of a
17 candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when both
18 are established by a candidate, \$25,000 per year from that
19 candidate] in total to all such entities. No [campaign treasurer,
20 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of the] State
21 [committee] committees of [a] political [party] parties, county
22 committees of political parties, municipal committees of political
23 parties or [campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or other
24 representative of] any legislative leadership [committee]
25 committees, political committees or continuing political committees
26 shall knowingly accept from an individual, a corporation of any
27 kind organized and incorporated under the laws of this State or any
28 other state or any country other than the United States, a labor
29 organization of any kind which exists or is constituted for the
30 purpose, in whole or in part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing
31 with employers concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of
32 employment, or of other mutual aid or protection in connection with
33 employment, a political committee, a continuing political
34 committee [, a candidate committee or a joint candidates committee
35 or any other group], any [contribution] contributions of money or
36 other thing of value which in the aggregate [exceeds \$25,000]
37 exceed \$50,000 per year [, or in the case of a joint candidates
38 committee when that is the only committee established by the
39 candidates, \$25,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
40 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
41 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
42 \$25,000 per year from that candidate] in total to all such entities.

43 (2) No national committee of a political party shall pay or make
44 any contribution of money or other thing of value to the campaign
45 treasurer, deputy treasurer or other representative of the State
46 committee of a political party which in the aggregate exceeds

1 \$72,000 per year, and no campaign treasurer, deputy campaign
2 treasurer or other representative of the State committee of a
3 political party shall knowingly accept from the national committee
4 of a political party any contribution of money or other thing of
5 value which in the aggregate exceeds \$72,000 per year.

6 b. [No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
7 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
8 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
9 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
10 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
11 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
12 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
13 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate
14 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group, shall
15 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
16 any county committee of a political party, which in the aggregate
17 exceeds \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates
18 committee when that is the only committee established by the
19 candidates, \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
20 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
21 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
22 \$37,000 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer,
23 deputy campaign treasurer or other representative of a county
24 committee of a political party shall knowingly accept from an
25 individual, a corporation of any kind organized and incorporated
26 under the laws of this State or any other state or any country other
27 than the United States, a labor organization of any kind which exists
28 or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
29 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
30 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
31 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
32 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
33 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of
34 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
35 \$37,000 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee
36 when that is the only committee established by the candidates,
37 \$37,000 per year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or
38 in the case of a candidate committee and a joint candidates
39 committee when both are established by a candidate, \$37,000 per
40 year from that candidate.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. __, c. __).
41 (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

42 c. [No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
43 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
44 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
45 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
46 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employers
47 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
48 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,

1 no political committee, continuing political committee, candidate
2 committee or joint candidates committee or any other group shall
3 pay or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to
4 any municipal committee of a political party, which in the aggregate
5 exceeds \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates
6 committee when that is the only committee established by the
7 candidates, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
8 committee, or in the case of a candidate committee and a joint
9 candidates committee when both are established by a candidate,
10 \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No campaign treasurer, deputy
11 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee
12 of a political party shall knowingly accept from an individual, a
13 corporation of any kind organized and incorporated under the laws
14 of this State or any other state or any country other than the United
15 States, a labor organization of any kind which exists or is
16 constituted for the purpose, in whole or in part, of collective
17 bargaining, or of dealing with employers concerning the grievances,
18 terms or conditions of employment, or of other mutual aid or
19 protection in connection with employment, a political committee, a
20 continuing political committee, a candidate committee or a joint
21 candidates committee or any other group, any contribution of
22 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds
23 \$7,200 per year, or in the case of a joint candidates committee when
24 that is the only committee established by the candidates, \$7,200 per
25 year per candidate in the joint candidates committee, or in the case
26 of a candidate committee and a joint candidates committee when
27 both are established by a candidate, \$7,200 per year from that
28 candidate.

29 No county committee of a political party in any county shall pay
30 or make any contribution of money or other thing of value to a
31 municipal committee of a political party in a municipality not
32 located in that county which in the aggregate exceeds the amount of
33 aggregate contributions which, under this subsection, a continuing
34 political committee is permitted to pay or make to a municipal
35 committee of a political party. No campaign treasurer, deputy
36 campaign treasurer or other representative of a municipal committee
37 of a political party in any municipality shall knowingly accept from
38 any county committee of a political party in any county other than
39 the county in which the municipality is located any contribution of
40 money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds the
41 amount of contributions permitted to be so paid or made under that
42 subsection.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. _____, c. _____). (pending
43 before the Legislature as this bill)

44 d. For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution
45 to be attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
46 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee
47 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

48 (cf: P.L.2004, c.174, s.4)

1 5. Section 20 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-11.5) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 20. a. No candidate who has established only a candidate
4 committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or candidate
5 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other
6 thing of value to a political committee, other than a political
7 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
8 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a
9 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in
10 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the
11 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no
12 candidates who have established only a joint candidates committee,
13 their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer or joint
14 candidates committee shall pay or make any contribution of money
15 or other thing of value to such a political committee or continuing
16 political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of
17 such a political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the
18 joint candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
19 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
20 committee, and no candidate who has established both a candidate
21 committee and a joint candidates committee shall pay or make any
22 contribution of money or other thing of value which in the
23 aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee, \$7,200
24 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a continuing
25 political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate. No
26 political committee, other than a political committee which is
27 organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat of a
28 public question in any election, or a continuing political committee,
29 shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has established only a
30 candidate committee, his campaign treasurer, deputy treasurer or
31 candidate committee, any contribution of money or other thing of
32 value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political
33 committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the case of a continuing
34 political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no such political
35 committee or continuing political committee shall knowingly accept
36 from candidates who have established only a joint candidates
37 committee, their campaign treasurer, deputy campaign treasurer, or
38 joint candidates committee, any contribution of money or other
39 thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a
40 political committee, \$7,200 per election per candidate in the joint
41 candidates committee, or in the case of a continuing political
42 committee, \$7,200 per year per candidate in the joint candidates
43 committee, and no such political committee or continuing political
44 committee shall knowingly accept from a candidate who has
45 established both a candidate committee and a joint candidates
46 committee any contribution of money or other thing of value which
47 in the aggregate exceeds, in the case of such a political committee,
48 \$7,200 per election from that candidate, or in the case of a

1 continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year from that candidate.
2 For the purpose of determining the amount of a contribution to be
3 attributed as given by each candidate in a joint candidates
4 committee, the amount of the contribution by such a committee
5 shall be divided equally among all the candidates in the committee.

6 b. [No political committee, other than a political committee
7 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
8 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political
9 committee shall pay or make any contribution of money or other
10 thing of value to another political committee, other than a political
11 committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the
12 passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or another
13 continuing political committee which in the aggregate exceeds, in
14 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per
15 year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per
16 election. No political committee, other than a political committee
17 which is organized to, or does, aid or promote the passage or defeat
18 of a public question in any election, and no continuing political
19 committee shall knowingly accept from another political committee,
20 other than a political committee which is organized to, or does, aid
21 or promote the passage or defeat of a public question in any
22 election, or another continuing political committee any contribution
23 of money or other thing of value which in the aggregate exceeds, in
24 the case of a recipient continuing political committee, \$7,200 per
25 year, or in the case of a recipient political committee, \$7,200 per
26 election.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before
27 the Legislature as this bill)

28 c. [No individual, no corporation of any kind organized and
29 incorporated under the laws of this State or any other state or any
30 country other than the United States, no labor organization of any
31 kind which exists or is constituted for the purpose, in whole or in
32 part, of collective bargaining, or of dealing with employees
33 concerning the grievances, terms or conditions of employment, or
34 of other mutual aid or protection in connection with employment,
35 nor any other group, shall pay or make any contribution of money
36 or other thing of value to a political committee, other than a
37 political committee which is organized to, or does, aid or promote
38 the passage or defeat of a public question in any election, or a
39 continuing political committee, which in the aggregate exceeds, in
40 the case of such a political committee, \$7,200 per election, or in the
41 case of a continuing political committee, \$7,200 per year, and no
42 such political committee or continuing political committee shall
43 knowingly accept any contribution in excess of those amounts from
44 an individual or from such corporation, labor organization, or other
45 group.] (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the
46 Legislature as this bill)
47 (cf: P.L.2001, c.384, s.3)

1 candidate,” entitled to receive public financing for the gubernatorial
2 election but fails to qualify by September 1 of the year in which
3 candidates for the office of Governor will appear on the ballot, there
4 would be no limitation as to the amount of contributions received
5 by a “qualified candidate” which are eligible for match and the
6 limitation as to the maximum amount which any “qualified
7 candidate” may spend in aid of his or her candidacy would be equal
8 to the amount of monies appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to
9 current law.